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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6862
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL HONG KONG IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY RANGOON
AMCONSUL UDORN

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (MANSFIELD, MICHAEL J.)
SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT TO LAOS

REF A BANGKOK 22675, B VIENTIANE 1925, C VIENTIANE 1931

1. REF A SUGGESTING CODEL FLY TO VIENTIANE BY BANGKOK
ATTACHE PLANE CROSSED OUR REF B SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY
OF CODEL FLYING ONE WAY OR ROUND TRIP TO UDORN AND THEN
CROSSING AT NONGKHAI.

2. IN OUR REF C, WE RECOMMENDED AGAINST TRYING TO
CLEAR ATTACHE PLANE INTO VIENTIANE. SUCH A FLIGHT
COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH DEFENSE AND INTERIOR MINIS-
TRIES DESPITE INDICATION WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM
FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTED SEPTTEL THAT SENIOR LAO WILL-
ING TO MEET CODEL.

3. IF CODEL WANTS TO COME UP TO VIENTIANE ONE DAY AND
RETURN THE NEXT, AS SUGGESTED REF A, THAT WOULD BE
AMPLE TIME HERE.

4. THEREFORE I SUGGEST A POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF TRANS-
PORTATION PROBLEM WOULD BE TO HAVE CODEL FLY IN
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ON THAI AIRWAYS AND LEAVE THURSDAY
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MORNING FOR UDORN WHERE THE ATTACHE PLANE COULD PICK

THEM UP TO RETURN TO BANGKOK OR POSSIBLY EVEN FLY TO
RANGOON. OR CODEL COULD FLY TO UDORN BY ATTACHE PLANE
TUESDAY AND LEAVE HERE WEDNESDAY BY THAI AIRWAYS.
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